GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4235
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2000
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government and Indian Space Research Organisation have entered into a historical memorandum of understanding to being the satellite based communication to the doorsteps of the people in areas of education, healthcare and rural development in the State;

(b) if so, whether after Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka and Orissa, Andhra Pradesh has become the fifth State to utilise services of Insat-3B in this area;

(c) if so, the extent to which it swill help for State`s development in the areas of education, healthcare and rural development; and

(d) the time by which the work on this project is likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The network will be used to promote usage of satellite based communications in the areas of Distance Education, Telemedicine, E-Governance, Community Internet Centres etc.

(d) Initial trials for the project are likely to start by September 2000.